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SUBJECT : FOURTH LABOR INTERNATIONAL ?

1. JEAN PAUL HETU, VICE PRESIDENT OF QUEBEC'S CENTRE DES SYNDICATS DEMOCRATIQUES (CSD), ADDRESSING 37TH CONGRESS OF FRENCH CFTC (CHRISTIAN WORKERS FEDERATION) IN PARIS 10 NOVEMBER, PROPOSED THAT CFTC JOIN CSD IN STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING FOURTH (CHRISTIAN) LABOR INTERNATIONAL. HETU SAID THAT HE WOULD PROPOSE TO NEXT CSD CONVENTION (NOVEMBER 16-17) FORMATION OF A STUDY GROUP "TO BUILD" THE NEW INTERNATIONAL, HETU ALSO NOTED THAT A CANADIAN DELEGATION WOULD PARTICIPATE SOON IN A MEETING WITH CFTC AND GERMAN CGB (CHRISTIAN) TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. A SIMILAR MOTION URGING CREATION OF A CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONAL WAS MADE BY M. GUYOMART, PRESIDENT OF CFTC'S REGIONAL UNION FOR NORMANDY. BOTH SPEAKERS WERE ENTHUSIASTICALLY APPLAUDED BY CFTC DELEGATES, WHO WERE THUS GIVING VENT TO FRUSTRATION OF HAVING BEEN ISOLATED INTERNATIONALLY SINCE 1964 WHEN GREAT MAJORITY OF CFTC "DE-CONFESSIONALIZED" AND BECAME THE

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CFDT, WHICH RETAINED AFFILIATION WITH WCL.

2. COMMENT : CFDT OADBOCK TO CFTC REENTRY INTO WCL HAS BEEN BITTER EXPERIENCE FOR CFTC, PROBABLY CONTRIBUTING TO GUYOMART'S PROPOSAL. ANACHRONISTIC BOTH FROM POINT OF VIEW OF CURRENT TREND TO TRADE UNION UNITY AND CHURCH'S MOVEMENT AWAY FROM NARROWER SECTARIAN APPROACH, NOTION OF A SEPARATE CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONAL IS NOT - IN CFTC LEADERS EYES AT LEAST - A PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE. THEY WOULD PREFER, IF POSSIBLE, TO AFFILIATE WITH AN IDEOLOGICALLY NEUTRAL, ACTION-ORIENTED GROUP EITHER AT THE EUROPEAN (ETUC) OR FULL INTERNATIONAL LEVEL , (ICFTU). WITH THIS IN VIEW, THEY ARE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN ETUC. IT IS RUMORED THAT IDEA OF CFTC AFFILIATION WITH ICFTU HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMALLY BROACHED IN LATTER ORGANIZATION. IRWIN

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